

Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board

Recommendation 96-17

to the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission

Regarding Changes to Water Quality Standards Affecting the Big Dry Creek Basin and the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site

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Introduction:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (RFCAB) is part of the national network of Site Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) operating under grants from the United States Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Department and associated regulatory agencies at nuclear weapons complex sites across the United States. RFCAB has been in operation since 1994.

Recommendations

1) Effective Date of the Temporary Modification for Nitrate

RFCAB would like to emphasize that any temporary modifications be evaluated every three years and would encourage the Water Quality Control Commission to make sure such stipulation is recorded in the final rules.

2) Groundwater Treatment in the Walnut Creek Basin

RFCAB encourages the Water Quality Control Commission to stipulate that the parties must explore new means for treating and managing captured groundwater at the site to ensure that other contaminants, specifically volatile organic chemicals, tritium and other radionuclides, and metals do not present a threat to downstream water resources.

3) Effective Dates for All Modifications

RFCAB understands that the Woman Creek drainage is now isolated from drinking water supplies in Standley Lake and thus supports application of any new or modified standards upon approval by the Water Quality Control Commission. Because the alternate drinking water supply for the city of

Broomfield is not yet on-line, RFCAB asks that these changes not go into effect for the Walnut Creek drainage until Great Western Reservoir is replaced as a drinking water source.

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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